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How to tell when Pinoy brand has made it? Int'l star like Kate Hudson is into it

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DOJ stops arrest of LTFRB chair Maria Elena Bautista over bus franchise case

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Marine officers in plot still free unlike Army counterparts

No more free 'balut' for Pateros workers



By Lolla B. Salaverria

THE TOWN BEST known for its *balut* (boiled duck embryo) has stopped serving the delicacy to its officials and employees as part

PATEROS/A6

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

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GMA catches flu bug, confined at St. Luke's

By Christine O. Avendaño and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SUFFERING CHILLS, FEVER AND BODY ACHES, President Macapagal-Arroyo was rushed to St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City yesterday afternoon. Doctors later said the symptoms she exhibited were consistent with the flu.

"Please tell them I'm sick. That's the doctor's

GMA/A6

Where's P8-B Owwa fund?

Israel says it has OK to wipe out Hezbollah

BEIRUT, LEBANON—AN ISRAELI CABINET minister said failure by key Middle East players to agree on the terms of a ceasefire had given Israel the green light to press deeper into Lebanon to wipe out the Islamic militant group.

A high-level conference on the Middle East crisis in Rome ended in disagreement on Wednesday. Most European leaders called for an immediate ceasefire, but the United States decided to give Israel more time to punish the guerrilla group.

"We received yesterday at the Rome conference permission from the world ... to continue the operation, this war, until Hezbollah's presence is erased in Lebanon and it is disarmed," Israeli Justice Minister Haim Ramon told Israel Army Radio.

"Everyone understands that a victory for Hezbollah is a victory for world terror," Ramon, who is close to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, added.

After suffering its highest one-day casualty toll in its 16-day campaign against Hezbollah, Israel on Thursday stepped up its air strikes on suspected guerrilla positions across Lebanon.

The latest air strikes in southern, eastern and southern Lebanon came as the Israeli government met to decide whether to broaden the military offensive against Hezbollah guerrillas.

Since the conflict erupted on July 12 when Hezbollah fighters staged a cross-border attack that led to the deaths of eight Israeli soldiers and the capture of two others, at least 420 other people have been killed in Lebanon—including 374 civilians reported by the health ministry and security officials. About 750,000 have been dis-

ISRAEL/A6



THE PRESIDENT'S MEN GO HIP-HOP: (From left) Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, Presidential Management Staff chief Arthur Yap, Chief of Staff Mike Defensor and Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita flank Black Eyed Peas William James Adams Jr. and Fil-Am Allan Pineda Lindo (2nd from right), who earlier received a Presidential Medal of Merit. (Story on Page A8.)

15 OFWs sip champagne flying home

By Nikko Dizon

AFTER A HARROWING ESCAPE FROM war-battered Lebanon, 15 Filipino workers returned home in style yesterday afternoon, sipping champagne in the business-class section of Qatar Airways.

"They booked whatever seats were available just to get us home," said Rudylyn Sato, 34, of the arrangements made by Philippine officials for the seven- to eight-hour flight from Damascus in Syria and Doha in Qatar after an overland trip from the Lebanese capital of Beirut.

Sato said four children, including her 6-year-old son, and two pregnant Filipino workers were among those who were given business-class seats.

Fifteen others were in the economy class section of the same flight.

15 OFWs/A6

Senate will investigate where OFW fees went

By TJ Burgonio and Volt Contreras

AMID BICKERING BETWEEN the Philippine ambassador in Beirut and the home office on the alleged lack of money for the evacuation of Filipinos from Lebanon, the Senate announced an inquiry into the funds of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada said he would conduct an investigation into claims Owwa lacked funds to repatriate besieged Filipinos out of Lebanon.

"Where is the P7.6-billion Owwa fund? Why does Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo only allocate P∞ million to repatriate our compatriots from Lebanon? I want to have a full accounting of the Owwa fund," said Estrada, who chairs the Senate oversight committee on labor and employment.

Philippine Ambassador to Lebanon Al-Francis Bichara said Tuesday that he was running out of money for the OFWs in Lebanon and had yet to receive fresh funds from Manila. Despite a rebuke from the home office, Bichara said on Wednesday he was standing by his earlier statement.

Fr. Agustin Advincula, whose Congrega-

WHERE'S/A6



Floodwaters have not quite subsided in 190 Central Luzon villages like in Dinalupihan, Bataan, where the houses of 6,113 families in 22 villages are still submerged like this one owned by Nida Real who tries to retrieve things from her kitchen. (Story in Across The Nation, Page A17)

UP lawyers to contest Bolante's asylum bid

By Norman Bordadora, Blanche S. Rivera and Philip C. Tubeza

LEGAL ACADEMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines are preparing to fight the request for asylum of former Agriculture Undersecretary Jocelyn "Jocjoc" Bolante before US immigration courts.

Lawyer Harry Roque, director of the UP College of Law's center for international legal studies, yesterday said he and his colleagues were drafting an "amicus brief," a document that would focus on the absence of political persecution and physical threat that Bolante had claimed in making his request for asylum.

"In the United States, you can ask for leave to file an amicus brief to tell the court why an applicant for asylum should not be [granted the request]," Roque told the Inquirer over the phone.

He said Bolante's request was a "mockery" of the basic human right to seek protection abroad from genuine political persecution and threat of personal harm.

Briefly detailing the contents of the document his group was to submit to US immigration courts, Roque said: "He (Bolante) is not being persecuted. He's wanted for a nonpolitical crime, which is graft and corruption.

"Second, the threat of the [Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army] is not real. Since he is close to the present administration, he can af-

UP LAWYERS/A11

114TH VICTIM

Another activist shot dead in front of his 3 young sons

By Grace C. Albasin
PDI Mindanao Bureau

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—A LONE GUNMAN shot and killed Ernesto Ladica, a member of the leftist Bayan Muna, while he was having coffee with his three sons outside his house in Salay, Misamis Oriental, at around 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, police said.

Ladica, 43, also secretary general of the Misamis Oriental Farmers Association, succumbed to three bullet wounds in the neck and back in the attack in Barangay Looc, Supt. Lyndle Desquitado, Misamis Oriental police chief, said yesterday.

"The attacker fled on board a motorcycle toward Cagayan de Oro City," Desquitado said. Police could not say yet if Ladica's death was work related. "We are still investigating," he said.

Bayan Muna said Ladica's murder brought to 114 the number of extrajudicial killings in the country since President Macapagal-Arroyo assumed power in 2001.

Fr. Antonio Ablon, spokesperson of the human rights group Karapatan in North-

ANOTHER/A11

Roldan victim's dad, crime fighters mad

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

FLASHING A SMILE, DENNIS ROLDAN yesterday walked out of jail after almost a year of being held on charges that he had masterminded the kidnapping of a 3-year-old Chinese-Filipino boy.

Roldan's temporary liberty triggered speculation that President Macapagal-Arroyo's elder son, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, was responsible.

In February last year, Mikey Arroyo scoffed at the police officers who had arrested Roldan and others in connection with the kidnapping.

Yesterday, he said speculation on his involvement in the grant of bail to Roldan was an "injustice."

"I understand where they are coming

ROLDAN/A11

OUT ON BAIL: Dennis Roldan, former congressman and actor, is fetched by his daughter Katrina upon his release from the Pasig City jail where he was detained for over a year.



Second FRONTPAGE

Marine officers in plot still free

UNLIKE THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE ARMY SIMILARLY IMplicated in the Feb. 24 coup plot, 12 Marine officers facing court-martial for their role in the affair have not been detained. And it appears there is no prospect they will be thrown in jail soon.

San Juan at NBI: Mum's the word





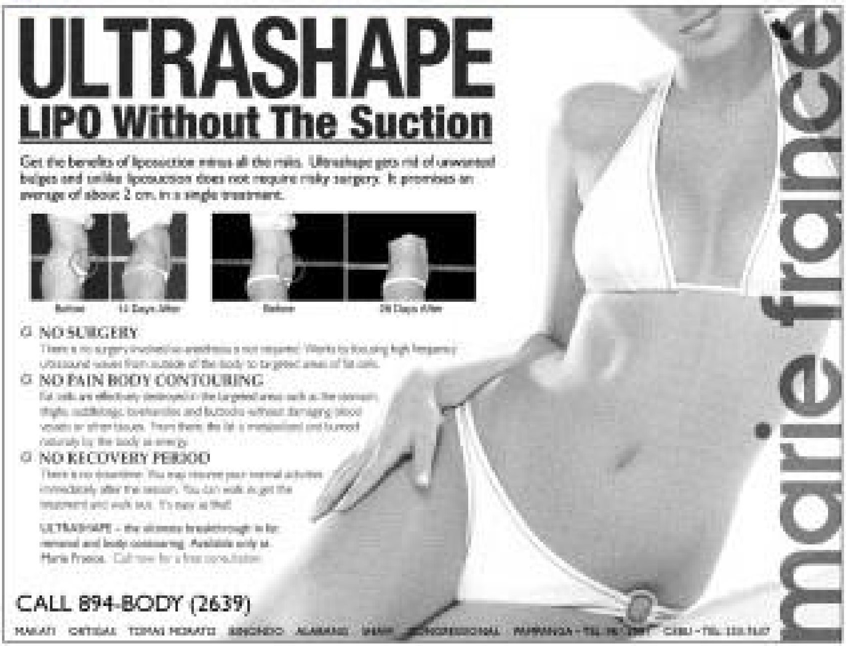


Tide has turned for Cha-cha, says Joe de V

Noli camp preempting PET, says Loren

Just opinion





Lapus takes over DepEd today

By Alcuin Papa



Hotel to turn casino into ballroom

Correction

THE DAILY GOSPEL

RP faces UN blacklist over rights record, says CHR chair



Second reason

Continuing pattern

Part-time NPAs

Another activist shot dead in front of his 3 young sons

Praising Palparan

Bless the beasts and the children of Lebanon

Where's P8-B Owwa fund? Senate sets probe

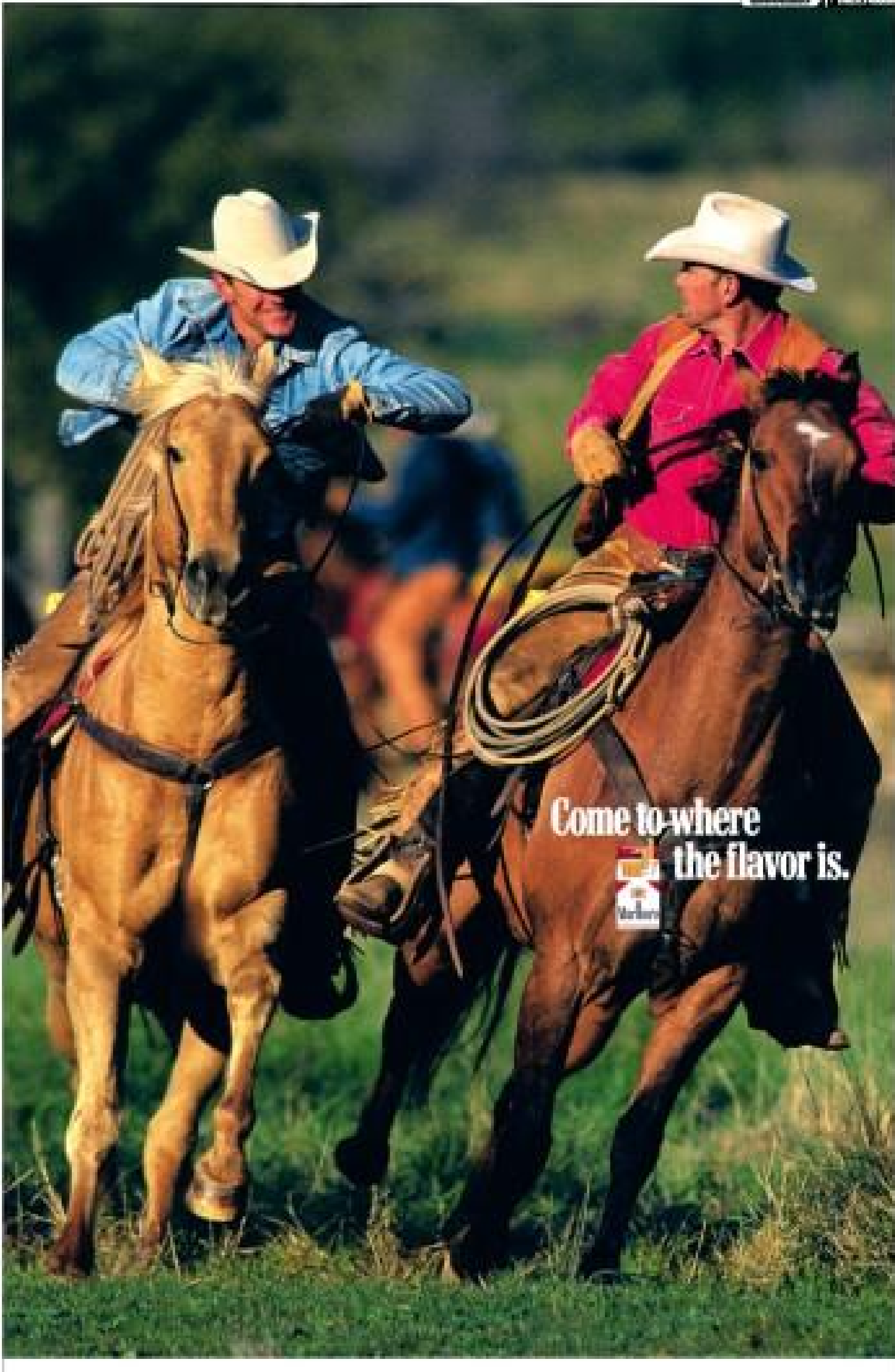


Owwa's mandate



15 OFWs sip champagne on flight home in business class

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Government Warning:
Cigarette smoking is dangerous
to your health

PRC: No stopping oath-taking of new nurses

What Went Before

Nursing Leakage

By Christian V. Esguerra

Present evidence

Testing competence

Identical ratings

Pinoy 'Pea' brings 'House' down

By Christine O. Avendaño

Longing for home

Presidential Merit Award

In the 'House'

Big dream

No more free 'balut' for Pateros workers

Only for visitors

Fear Factor

Eat fruits, greens

Walking

Ban on soda in cafeterias

Leadership by example

Palace seeks P46B added outlay

Door still open for '06 budget—Ping

Fraport, Piatco execs, charged

GMA catches flu bug, confined at St. Luke's



DOH: Watch out, it's flu season

By Christian V. Esguerra

Monitoring

Full rest

Rick Warren, Pras

All schedules cancelled



UP lawyers to contest ...

Guarded optimism

'Not for fugitives'

Putting the squeeze

Opening the floodgates

On thin ice



Southrail line to be cleared from Manila to Muntinlupa



INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES



Passenger spills money off plane from HK



TOXICOLOGIST Dr. Kenneth Go being cross-examined by the defense lawyers.

SUBIC RAPE TRIAL

Driver to be listed as a

By Tara V. Quismundo



Employees compensation to delist some ailments

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INQUIRER

OPINION

Two birds

EDITORIAL



There should be no safe haven for grafters

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

Thailand jails top election commissioners

PASSION FOR REASON

The Sona's Potemkin village

ANALYSIS



Amando Doronila

Bullies

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

Precipitate and disproportionate

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Inspiring awardees

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

GMA's 'old fights'

LETTERS

English not necessary to teach mathematics or science



Pacquiao not like Rizal, but very much a Filipino

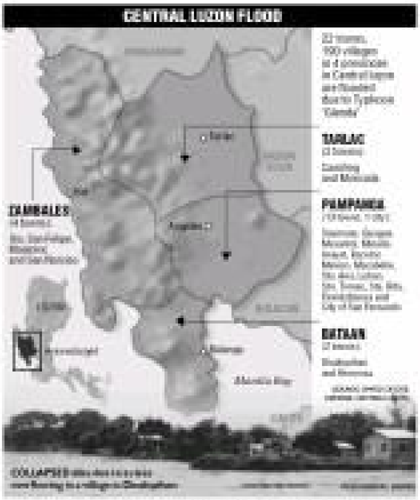
Cases haunting Bolante

VOICES ON INQ7.NET

Across the NATION

Floods linger in 190 C. Luzon villages

CITY OF SAN Fernando—Rains accompanying Typhoon "Glenda" since Sunday weakened on Thursday in Central Luzon but these left floods of two to eight feet deep in 190 villages in the region, the Office of the Civil Defense said.



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Aurora folk pass tsunami test; E. Visayas LGUs rated not ready

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Baguio parking ordinance foes use Cha-cha tact



THE ART OF WEAVING

DENR allows wood product transport in Quezon for 2 months

ROUNDUP

Mayor shows self

MILF lauds Japan

NDF aid offered

Health services delivered

Reyes backed on Lafayette



More Mindanao women leaving RP as OFWs

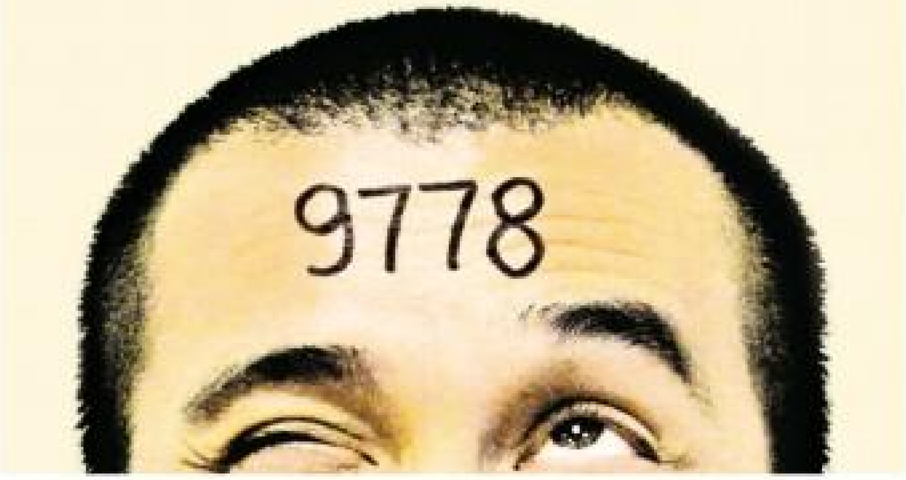
10 Moro rebs die as clash of MILF men goes on



DOT officials identify safe areas for tourists wanting to view Mayon

'...it will largely depend on media coverage—whether they will project a destructive Mt. Mayon or a wonderful tourist attraction'

The number to remember that may win you a million on August 1, 2006.



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Roldan victim's dad, PNP, anticrime groups mad

Evidence weak

No Palace intervention

'Proper pleading'

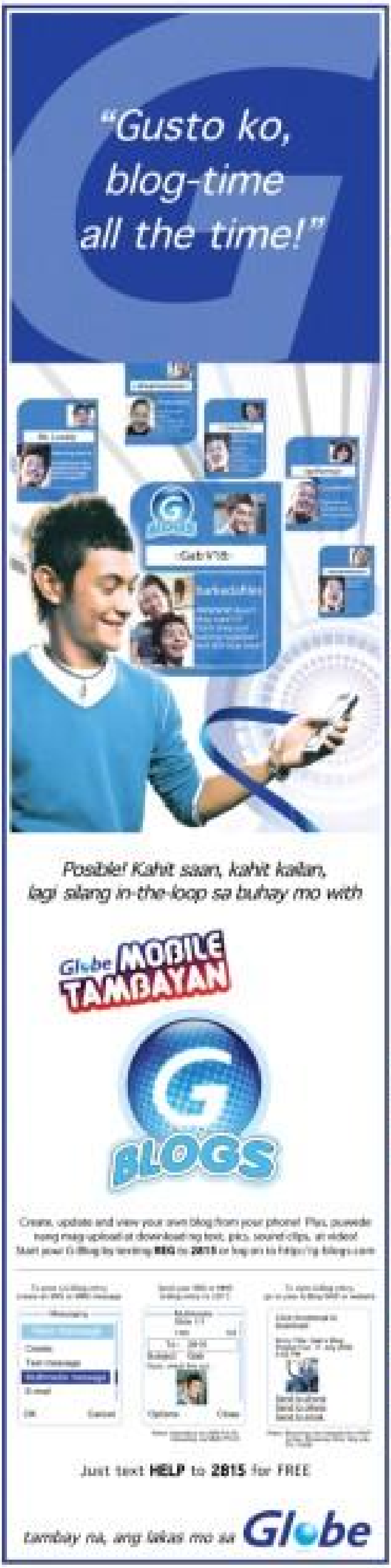
'I won't stop fighting'

Unhappy PNP chief

10 witnesses

Cell phones

Mandaluyong now 100% covered by Manila Water



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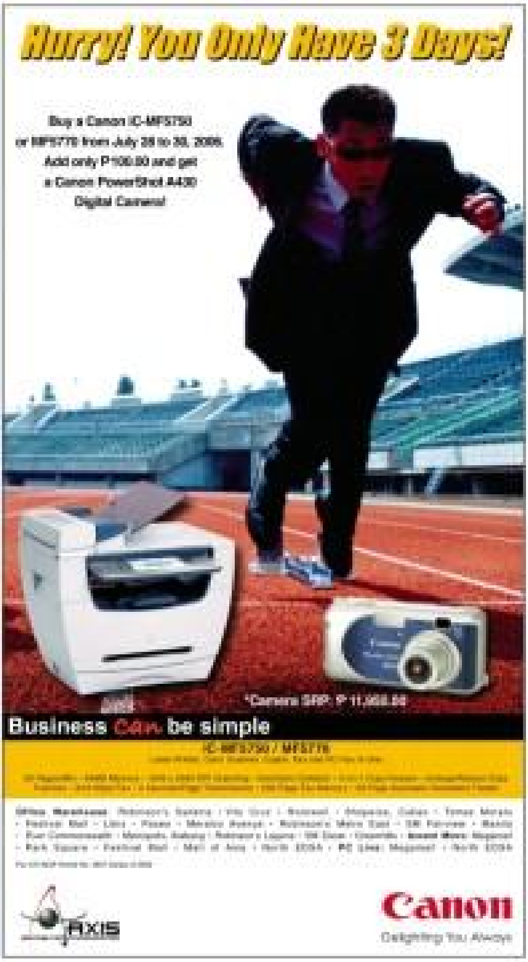
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A plus METRO



Arrest warrant for LTFRB chair deferred for 1 week

By DJ Yap

Medic not yet off the hook in tot's death

By DJ Yap

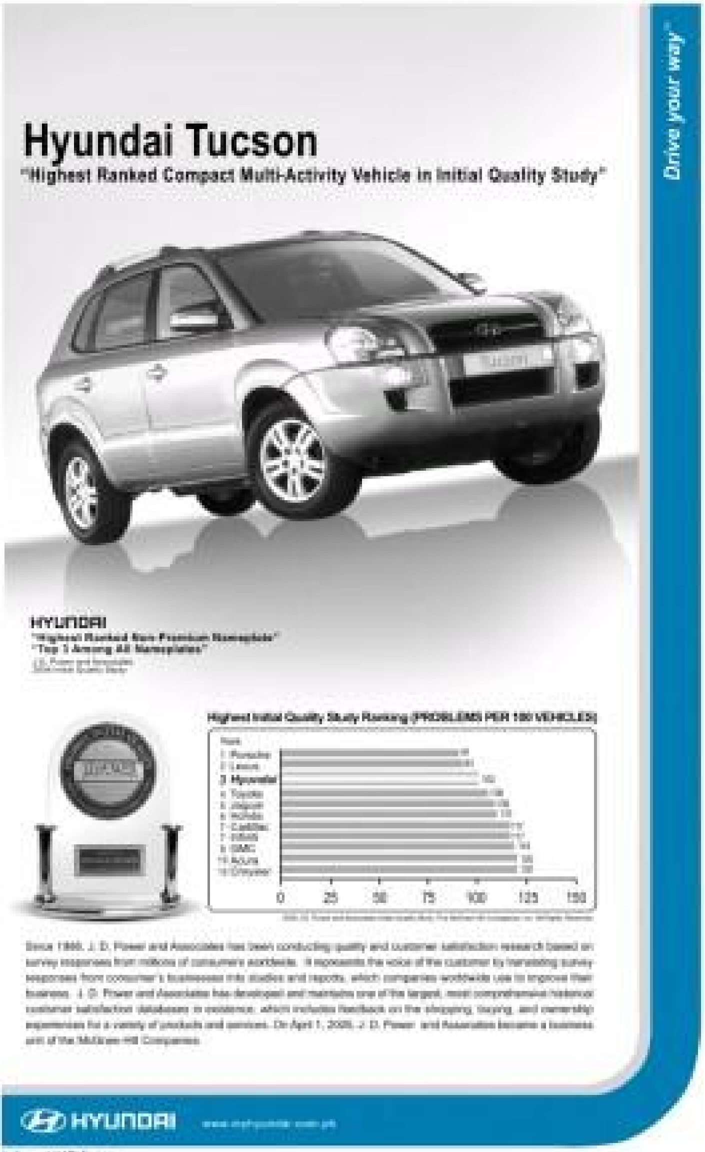
DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that the only all-steel church in Asia can be found in Manila?



Tutors ask court to stop PNU prexy's appointment

DPWH to put up Navotas river wall

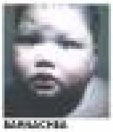


MetroBriefs

Crackdown on wire thieves

QC disaster-ready

Sick boy needs aid



Ginseng exhibit

Integrative healing day

Farmers blamed for collapse of world trade talks

WorldBriefs

Mystery plane fuels Somalia war fears

GM posts huge loss

Microsoft to offer health care software

Addiction can be treated in docs' offices

New bird flu vaccine 'stronger'



FOUR BIRTHDAYS

Japan lifts ban on US beef imports



The WORLD

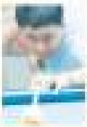
UN observers hit despite pleas to Israel

UNITED NATIONS—THE UNITED NATIONS SAID Wednesday that its top officials in New York and its officers on the ground in Lebanon made numerous calls on Tuesday to the Israeli mission and the Israeli military to protest repeated firing on its outpost in Lebanon where four unarmed observers ended up being killed.



Israel finding Hezbollah a difficult enemy

By Steven Erlanger and Thom Shanker

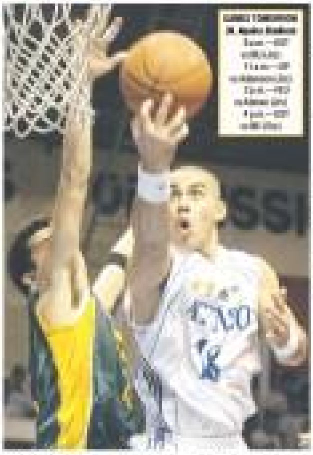


WHAT'S INSIDE

Reyes, 8 other RP bets assured of $17,000 each /A28

SPORTS

Editor: Teddyvic S. Melendres



ATENEO'S Doug Kramer drives off for Eastern's Marvin Beruzzan in another solid game that earned him his third double-double.

Eagles scramble, pin 4th loss on Tamaraws

By Joaquin M. Papa

THE ATENEO BLUE EAGLES SURVIVED YET ANOTHER ENDGAME thriller, clinching their fourth straight win with a 76-74 decision of the hotfoot Far Eastern Tamaraws in the UAAP men's basketball tournament yesterday at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

Army, UA&P wrest futsal lead

Reyes, 8 other RP bets assured of $17,000 each





Clean Living



Lapid golf at Wack Wack on

Pasay 5-cocker finals today

30 entries vying in SJC derby



All seats taken as Letran, SBC collide today



2 WTA lucky bettors win ₱4.7M each

Eagles scramble, pin 4th . . .

Cebu, Bacolod teams favored in Visayas Adidas Streetball tilt

SPORTS

Ochoa, 2 others share lead



OCHOA / Top money winner

Petron serves up ladies beach volleyball today

NGAP, big golf clubs close to ending membership row

Roddick, Agassi down rivals

ENTERTAINMENT



'Kubrador': How the best was won









Is Chito Roño anti-marriage?

Usually hyped-up in romantic comedies, weddings are turned into a screamfest this time around



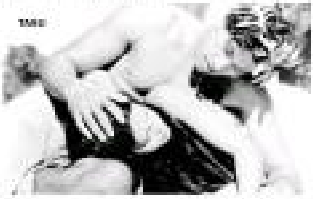
CLAUDINE BARRETTO in "Sukob"

Roundup



ASPHALT

German silent movies



TABU

'Cavite' at SM cinemas



CAVITE

A semi-charmed date movie

Review



LINDSAY LOHAN

Not believable

Instructive viewing experiences on TV

Viewfinder



Nestor U. Torre

Dance showdown

'Kubrador': How the best was won



'Higglytown Heroes'


HIGGLYTOWN HEROES



THE ANT BULLY

Pokemon series

Nurse Ant







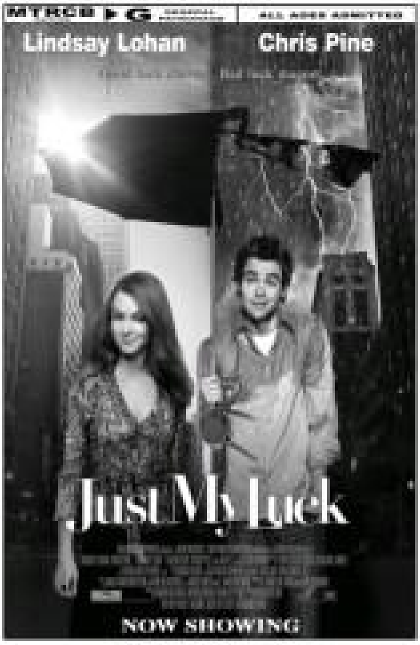
Amid addiction rehab and lawsuits, Colin finds love and peace in his son



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales





STARS Living

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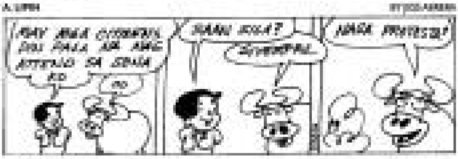


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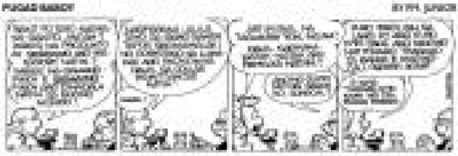
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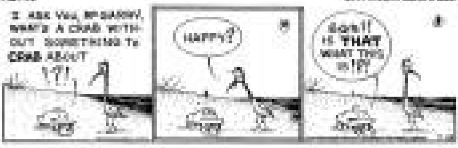
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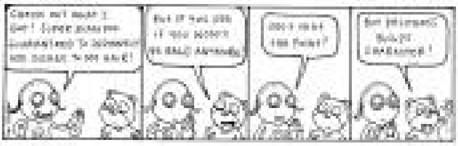










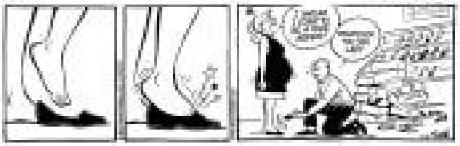




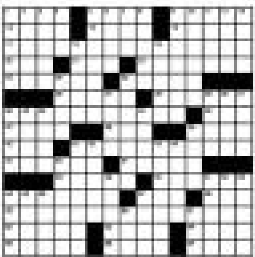


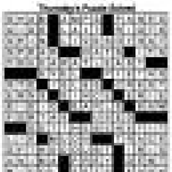






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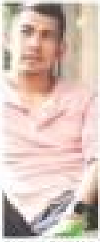
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10 SUPERMAN RETURNS

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3 SUKOB
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2 WHITE LADY
3 THE INSIDE MAN
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2 SUKOB
3 WHITE LADY
4 SEE NO EVIL

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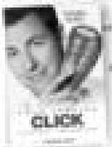
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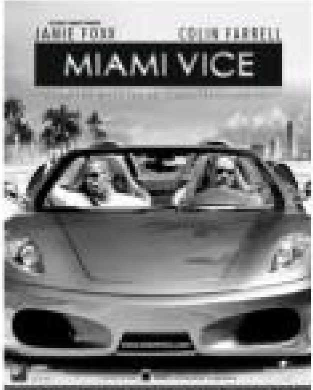
GREENHILLS CINEMAS

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NOW SHOWING

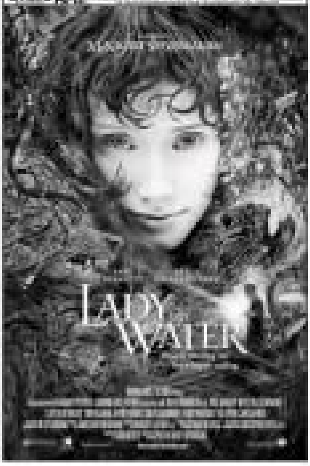
PROMENADE

MUSIC MUSEUM



IN THEATERS AUGUST 2

NOW SHOWING



For the love of Dougs

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by [illegible]



BIRTHDAY boy beams, surrounded by his "Dougables" ... and lots of food and wine.

"WE WERE EXPECTING ONLY a hundred, but over 200 people came to the party," said talent manager Douglas Quijano, who celebrated his 62nd birthday with a Korean buffet at Pan Pacific Hotel's (Malate) Tong Yang restaurant last Sunday.

He wasn't complaining. The well-wishers were friends and peers who have grown as close to Tito Dougs, as he is called, to share his smiles, that he now considers them family.

"My [illegible]," Douglas said affectionately. "Now they're bringing their children to my parties—like Joey Marquez and son Jeremy, Pops Aguilar and her daughters [illegible], Dong and [illegible]."

A perfect example of "friend from way back" was Lolit Solis, also a talent manager. They met when she was still a [illegible] in 1964.

Gretchen Barretto, whom Dougs [illegible] when she was 14, had put off her flight to the United States so she could attend the party.

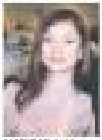
"I had no plans of celebrating this year," the birthday boy said, "but when I heard she had rescheduled her trip, I had no choice."

Almost every year, Regal Films producer Lily Monteverde, another pal since the early 1970s, had given Douglas a birthday bash. This year, Dougs said, he decided to play host, with his friend Ronnie Alfaro. "I wanted to treat Mother Lily for a change. We had a good mix—[illegible]..."

Highlight of the evening was the arrival of "Ramona Barreto and her babies"—as a [illegible] described the "Pinoy Big Brother" champ and her [illegible].


HOT couples cool down: Jeremy Marquez and Alessandra de Rossi, Lucy Torres and Richard Gomez.


BOSOM buddies from "[illegible]" days, [illegible] and Gretchen Barretto


MARICAR de Mesa

Fellow celebs urged Lucy Torres to ask Ramona if the "babies" were for real.

Lucy demurred, explaining that she barely knew the sexy star of "Bahay Kubo." "That was Gretchen's cue. She walked up and asked the question herself. Ramona's quick reply, 'No.'"

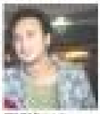
"Thank heavens," Gretchen quipped. "You made us feel insecure."

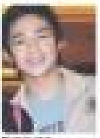
A [illegible] moment came when estranged couple Janice de Belen and John Estrada bumped into each other.

John reportedly offered the seat next to him, but Janice declined, saying, "Another girl can sit beside you."

And that did it! [illegible] for John. "She was probably trying to make fun with me," Dougs said. "Janice and John see each other only once a year ... during my birthday party."

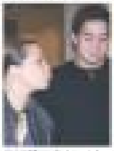
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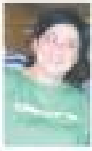

JOHN Estrada


TYRONE Perez


CALOY Valerio, Tito Dougs, Arnold Santos, [illegible] and Ronnie Alfaro


SEATED, from left, coach Jing Ruiz, RJ [illegible], Lucas [illegible] and coach RJ [illegible]; standing, coach [illegible] and Chie [illegible]


JANICE de Belen and Wendell Ramos


LOLIT Solis









Boy Abunda

MY FAVORITE PLACE IN MY LIPA, BATANGAS REST HOUSE IS the bridge lined with [illegible]. It's the lovely bridge of my life—where I take naps and read books when it's not raining. The bridge leads to the [illegible], [illegible] and flower garden on the opposite side of my little farm. [illegible] There are [illegible] and [illegible], lots of birds of paradise and [illegible] in my garden. It's heaven on earth for me. I also love the [illegible], where my friends, [illegible] and I play [illegible]. Of course, I'm also proud of the living room—described by [illegible] as "an explosion of colors: fuchsia, green, red." It's eclectic, on request. I wish I could [illegible] to Lipa more often than I do.

Bayani San Diego Jr.

Why is Robin Padilla making this movie?

By Mini Valera
Photos by [illegible]

YLAYA, ALFONSO, CAVITE—"THE BEST thing about making this movie is, I get to kiss Regine [Velasquez]," said Robin Padilla on the set of "Till I Met You."

"I also get to ride a horse," Robin said. "It's one of my greatest highs right now." The set was located on a sprawling ranch here, owned by horse enthusiast and businessman [illegible].

Whether he was romancing Regine for the photo ops or flirting with the fans, Robin turned on the charm, lighting up a gloomy day last week ... a [illegible] of cool winds and scattered rain showers—like the effervescent and [illegible] that he was.

"It's good to be working again," he said. "I've missed acting."

Last seen in the quirky comedy "La Vida Loca," Robin has not had a movie project for nearly a year.

"Till I Met You," a movie co-produced by GMA Films and Viva Entertainment and directed by Mark Reyes, marks Robin's re-coupling with Regine after their 2000 hit, "Kailangan Kita Ikaw," directed by Joyce Bernal.

Robin revealed that he is currently negotiating a show with GMA 7. His last TV job, as [illegible], was ABS-CBN's "[illegible]."

"I'm hoping for an action series," he said. "I miss doing action. That's what I was born to do."

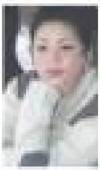
Robin was also born to be a star.

At 36, he still exudes the rugged boyish charm that made him the object of affection of [illegible] and all his leading ladies.

But off-screen romantic dalliances were now part of his past, Robin vowed. "I'm very happy now with my life."

He maintains a long-distance relationship with wife Liezl Sicangco, who is based in Australia with their four children.


TOY FOR BOYS: Traditionally built for heavy industries, with tougher models for the military, the Hummer is one of Robin's current obsessions. He is building his own, his version, from junk yard parts. It's not yet finished. So far, it has cost him a cool P2.5 million. Left, Regine during a break.








ROBIN and Regine run a race around the grounds, above. Far left, the crowd-pleaser at work. At the exact appointed time, left, he excuses himself to perform the salat, the Muslim daily prayer ritual.

"Liezl kept the family afloat when I wasn't working," Robin admitted. "I am so grateful for that. It's no joke to maintain a household and send kids to school in Australia. She had to dip into our children's trust funds, and that made me very upset. I was frustrated because I couldn't do anything about it, except pray."

A devout Muslim, Robin brought his red prayer rug to the Tagaytay set. He took a break from the shoot to pray at 3:20 p.m. on the dot. His religion, he said, has kept him grounded.

He also brought with him tons of Barako coffee. "I can't live without coffee," he confided. "I drink Barangay coffee. I can't afford Starbucks."

The many facets of Raymond Bagatsing







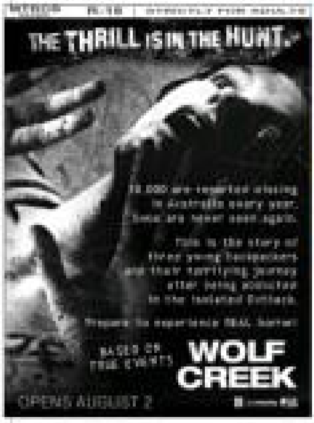
WHEN INQUIRER ENTERTAINMENT ASKED Raymond Bagatsing to pose for Stars Living's fashion section this week, the multi-awarded actor gamely said yes.





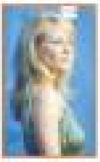


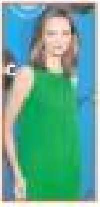


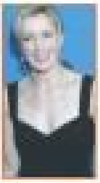


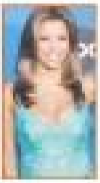


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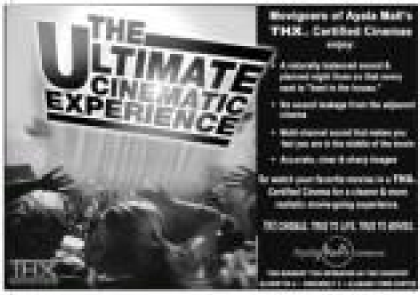








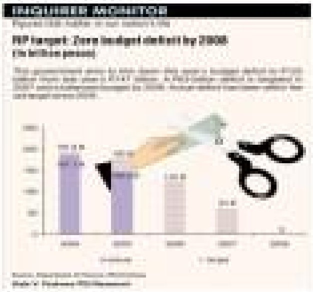






BUSINESS

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₱290-B infra work lined up

Economic team finalizing funding for government's big-ticket projects

By Michelle V. Remo and Riza T. Olchondra

THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC TEAM HAS IDENTIFIED ABOUT ₱290 billion worth of infrastructure projects that the administration hopes to undertake beginning this year until 2010, when President Macapagal-Arroyo ends her term.

The projects are the ones referred to by President Arroyo during her State of the Nation Address last Monday as factors that would help pump-prime economic activity in various regions of the country.

Finance Undersecretary Gil Beltran said the economic team has begun a series of meetings to firm up the list of projects and follow up on the conduct of feasibility studies by

₱290-B INFRA/B4



Rosy prospects spur peso, stocks to extend rally

Currency closes at 3-mo high, swept by regional trend

By Doris C. Dumlao and Elizabeth L. Sanchez

Bad gov't housing loans made good

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Marketing Rx

Dr. Ned Roberto & Andy Roberto

The answer

Define roles clearly

Marketing and sales serving each other

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'The Block' makes SM North Edsa country's 2nd biggest mall

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Deal brings to 6 the projects in its international business portfolio

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New IT firm appointed NetSuite reseller in RP

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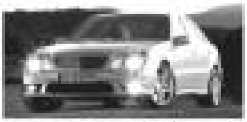
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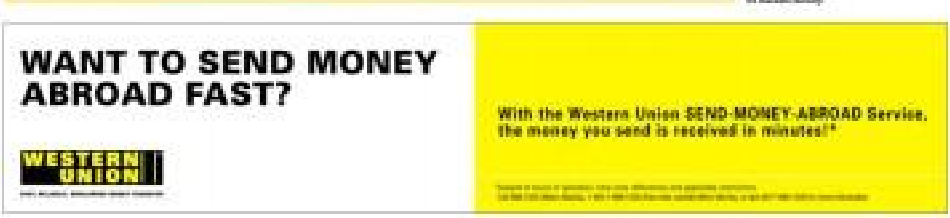
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LIFESTYLE

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Always famous

Sign that a Pinoy brand has made it? When an international star begins hawking it, like Kate Hudson does with Kamiseta

KAMISETA, leading specialty retailer of fashionable casual apparel, accessories and footwear, brings to Manila's larger-than-life billboards the larger-than-life Kate Hudson.

Mabuhay!



Jenni Epperson

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Why Kate Hudson as the new Kamiseta Girl?

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How did you get her?

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How did the shoot go?

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Always famous



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for a stepchild. But she was pleasant, very nice and professional. After a quick chat with us, she went off to makeup or stint. Her rapport with Dante was casual and fine, so they had worked together before. They kept laughing the whole time. It was a good shoot.

What's Kamiseta's plan?

Our company's goal has always been to become an international brand. We're currently in six countries: the Philippines, the United States (Guam), Dubai, Bahrain, Malaysia and Indonesia. We are the first Filipino brand to penetrate the Malaysian and Indonesian markets. We project to be in at least 15 countries with 100 stores globally in the next five years. We are very proud to say that a Philippine brand can truly be a global player.

It takes a lot of work and discipline to be accepted. But when they do accept us, the gratification is immense. To everyone who has nothing better to say about our country, here's something they can't deny: Philippine fashion can be world-class.

What is Kamiseta's passion?

Our passion is to make our customer feel fun while shopping in Kamiseta. Our fashion emphasizes a lifestyle that is active and carefree. Our new store concept focuses on a timeless appeal that is rooted in the classic Kamiseta heritage.

It is truly a source of Pinoy pride to hear of successful stories like Kamiseta. Kamiseta's true Pinoy retail success is not just measured by how many of our kababayan enjoy its products, but also by how people all over the world, especially famous ones like Golden Globe winner Kate Hudson, love them, too. She even makes it look like Kamiseta a girl!

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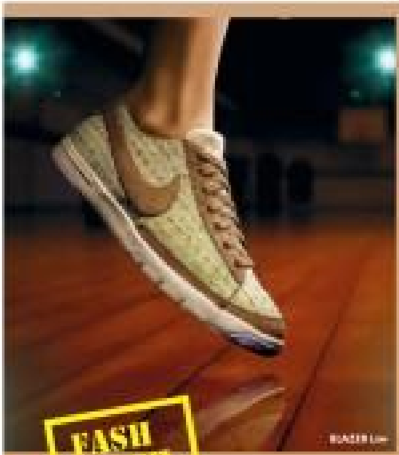
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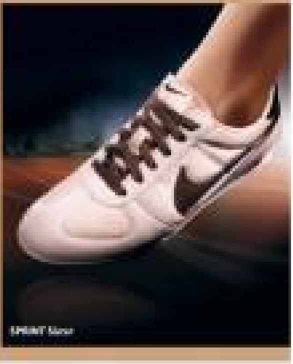


Exotic skin



KICK YOUR STYLE IN high gear with Nike Sport Exotic as it celebrates skin in every color.

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Summer staples from Bayo offer the layered look for the rainfall season

Pile 'em up!

By Donna Cuna-Pita

JUST AS YOU'VE STOCKED UP on your summer must-haves—a dizzying collection of nautical stripes and crisp whites—you notice the weather getting nippier, and the sun shying away.

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Layering 101

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Pinoy time—now!



A NEW WATCH LINE features a map of the Philippine archipelago on its face—the better to show the world the beauty of the Philippines.

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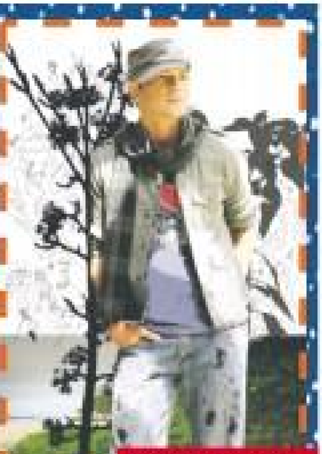


Denim love

Real-life sweethearts Jericho Rosales and Heart Evangelista pledge their undying allegiance to humankind's all-time favorite uniform



HEART in a pink mesh cap, P499; polka dot polo, P[illegible]; black trousers, P799; mini belt, bag and cap



PENSHOPPE'S menswear face, Jericho Rosales, in an "I love NY Cabbie" shirt, P399; army jacket, P1,099; Denim Lab jeans, P1,099, and cap



JERICHO in a red T-shirt, P399; army jacket, P1,099; Denim Lab jeans, P1,099; Heart Evangelista in a yellow top, P399; crochet jacket, P799; plaid capris, P849

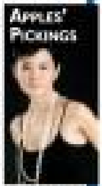


HEART in vintage military inspired jacket, P1,199; Denim Lab shirt, P749; and brown sandals



JERICHO in a collared shirt, P499; white and blue jersey jacket with Denim Lab logo, P999; Denim Lab jeans, P1,099

Apples' Pickings



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

DO YOU WEAR BLUE jeans at least three times a week?

When you don't know what to wear, do you automatically pull on your trusty blue jeans?

Do you wear denims to work?

Do you wear denims to any occasion, be it a night out with friends, cocktails with your boss or a dinner date?

Do you own more than three pairs of blue jeans?

If you answered yes to at least three of these five questions, then you already have an ongoing love affair with denim. Blue jeans are a staple or default item of clothing for you. It's the most important item in your wardrobe, and you probably consider it the best invention since, well, electricity.

It's definitely convenient to have denims as a uniform of sorts, but it's also potentially boring. The jeans + T-shirt combination is terribly tired, and you run the risk of getting stuck in a deep fashion rut if you don't get a little more creative.

The good news is that there are a number of ways to stylize and personalize the look of your ordinary blue jeans. One effective way is to accessorize and incorporate a trend or two into your outfit.

Take note of the fact that you can match a pair of chunky boots, an oversized printed tote or a big floppy hat (pick one trend only, pretty please!) with your basic jeans to provide much-needed flair.

You can also use accessories like belts or necklaces to revitalize your wardrobe options. Go for flashy gold hardware to elevate your look from girl-next-door to fashion diva.

Layering is another very strong trend this season. A linen sleeveless shell or empire top will look great on top of a three-fourth-sleeved T-shirt, for example. Of course, it's best to layer crepe with light, flimsy fabrics suited for tropical climates.

Menfolk out there can do a bit of layering, too. Just wear light jackets or long-sleeved polo shirts over your ordinary T-shirts. Plaid shirts worn distressed, matched with jeans and military boots, are also hot this season. So start channeling your inner Kurt Cobain for a taste of fashion nirvana. And in case you're wondering, yes, grunge is back!

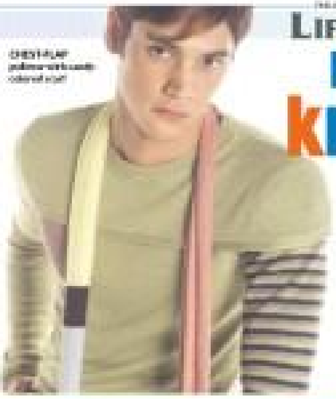
Lastly, personalize your look by choosing a denim design that suits your style and body type. No need to stick to classic five-pocket styles, as there are now a multitude of choices available in the local market—from deconstructed to diamond-bedecked, from torn and tattered to tailored and tapered, from vintage five-pocket classics to multi-pocketed cargos. From now on, say no to generic jeans!

For your denim fix, check out Penshoppe Denim Lab's innovative and affordable line.

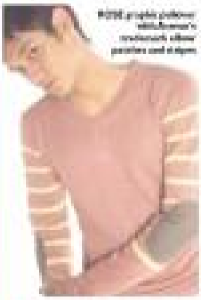
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Rainy-day knitpickers

Ivar Aseron's men's collection for Tan Gan offers a decidedly slim silhouette, its fit snug designed to appeal to the young









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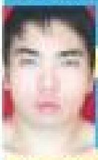
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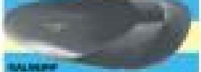


The line showcases footwear with names such as Kalabaw, Tilapia and Sabungero

FILIPINIANA IN FASHION calls for the use of traditional materials such as piña and abaca. [illegible]



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KALABAW



SABUNGERO


GABRIEL, with parents Sally and Boo Liang


MANDA ...


POLO player Vince Bitong and Fila's main man Bosch Albert


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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ...

A day at the Polo Club, a night with RuPaul

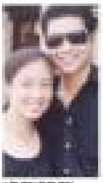
WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache




THE BLACK TEAM ...


POLO matches and players ...

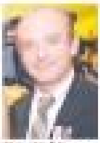

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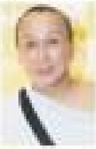

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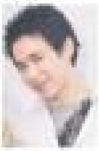

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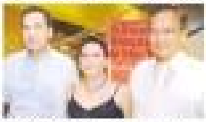

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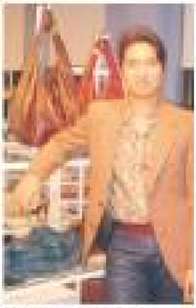

"YOU BETTER Work Out" by RuPaul ...


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RUPAUL in an interview with MTV Asia's ...



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DESIGNER extraordinaire Rafe Totengco



INTRICATELY designed Rafe shoes and bags

Rafe New York

Having made a name for himself and for Filipino ingenuity since the mid-'90s, Rafe Totengco is now a celebrated bag, shoe and accessory designer in New York.

Meanwhile, Rafe's the store has been named one of the coolest stops in the United States by the Lucky shopping manual, which also featured a red Rafe bag on its cover.

Follow the likes of Paris Hilton, Eva Longoria and Jessica Simpson into the store and treat yourself to a bag or pair of shoes that will make any outfit look fabulous!

Totengco, who was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines in 2002 (the first and only one to be cited for fashion so far), has also launched a line for [illegible]

The Rafe Store in New York is at One Bleecker St. via Bowery. Take the 6 train to Bleecker, and walk east.

Rafe bags, shoes and accessories are also available in Saks Fifth Avenue, Bergdorf Goodman, Henri Bendel. Visit www.rafe.com





EXTERIOR shot of Rafe (left); interior of one of the coolest stores in Manhattan (above)

4 Pinoy hot stops in the Big Apple

By Carina Wilcocks
Contributor



WHEN TAKING VISITORS from the Philippines around New York, I often introduce them to the pride of the Philippines in New York: Georgette, Mally, Rafe and Josie, among others. While I'm not always able to introduce my guests to these Filipino fashion celebrities personally, I take them to the stores and share the fun stories behind them. Here are the style stops on my list to use as a guide in shopping—or simply window shopping—for the chic stuff created by Filipinos and sold in New York.

(More Filipino hot stops in this section on Sunday.)



ON DISPLAY: Mally Beauty product [illegible] attract female shoppers.

Mally Beauty at Henri Bendel

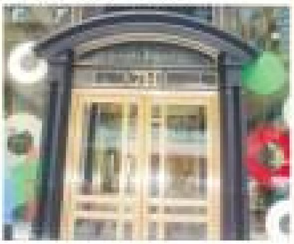
Push open the glass door of Henri Bendel and you will find Mally Roncal's makeup line [illegible] All Mally Beauty products are [illegible] at Henri Bendel.

[illegible]

Henri Bendel is at 712 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10019. Visit [illegible]



MALLY occasionally gives makeup workshops at Henri Bendel, providing a fun, girls-night-out atmosphere.





[illegible] Georgette Reposar is one fun and friendly Filipina!

Lola Giftshop

One of New York's hidden treasures is one block east of Bloomingdale's. Lola Gift Shop is, as only a Filipino would suspect, named after the grandmother (Lola) [illegible] Georgette Reposar.

[illegible] Georgette opened her own shop in December 2004. [illegible] Among the products [illegible] from France, Brazil, Spain, Canada, India and the Philippines [illegible]



Lola Gift Shop is at [illegible] East 59th St., between 2nd and 3rd Avenues (tel. (212) [illegible]).

Natori at Bergdorf Goodman



LINGERIE by Natori for New York shoppers are [illegible] in the Philippines.



Walk west on 58th Street and [illegible] The Plaza. [illegible] Bergdorf Goodman [illegible] Josie Natori.

Philippine-born Josefina Almeda Cruz, aka Josie, [illegible]

As founder and CEO of Natori Company, Josie Natori [illegible] designers and crafters to Bergdorf Goodman, Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdale's.

Bergdorf Goodman is at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 58th Street. [illegible]

Her grace

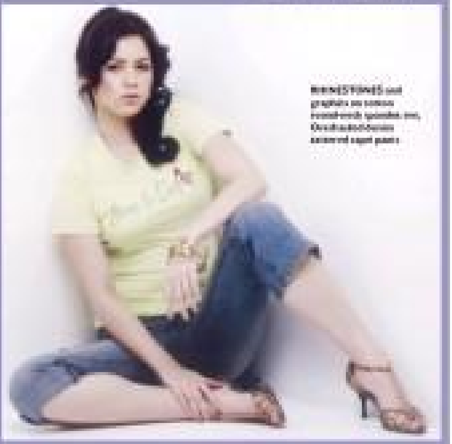












Big weekend treats

GOINGS ON

The dress is reborn—for all shapes

Keep it simple

The dress is reborn—for all shapes



LIFE-STYLED

Thelma Sioson San Juan

HERE'S GOOD NEWS FOR women looking for body-friendly fashion, and that's the majority of women: The dress is back—in all shapes.

> As Women's Wear Daily has noted, it 'has been pronounced dead more times than Dracula, only to bounce back to a promising, albeit brief, life'



GIVENCHY short evening dress



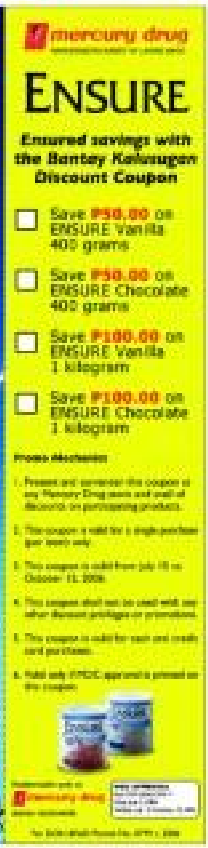
JACKIE O at a White House Christmas reception, Dec. 12, 1962











LIFESTYLE

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Fountain of youth in a silver bottle

La Prairie Anti-Aging Complex is a product that does not only treat visible lines but goes the extra mile by first targeting the silent, invisible signs of aging





KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

Time on our side

Fact sheet on new anti-aging skin-care line

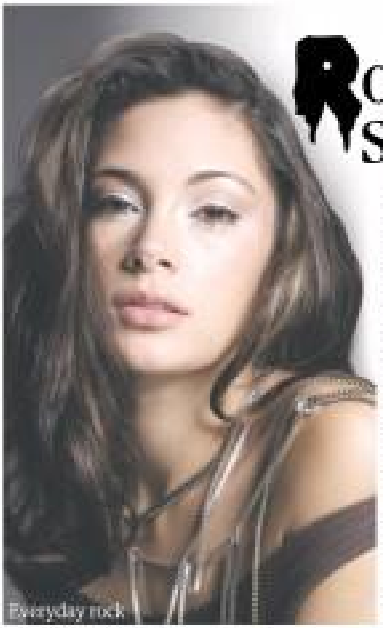


LA PRAIRIE'S Anti-Aging Complex

Rock-star style

bThree totally rockin' looks to go wild over

Punk Rock



Everyday rock



Glam rock

Rock-star style

From page E1



Punk Rock

Everyday Rock

Glam Rock

Specialized solution for common skin problems



Back in the beauty zone

Four months without a thorough face cleaning is not the prettiest sight, as I have acne-prone skin

MAKEOVER 911

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Scrub treatments



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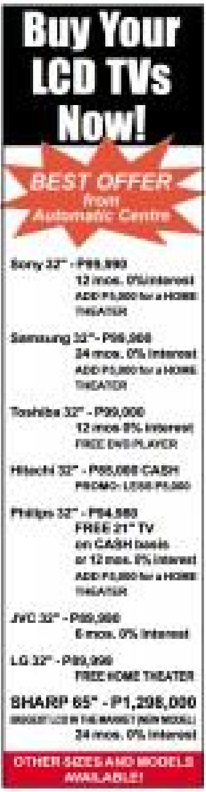
Connectivity and optional accessories

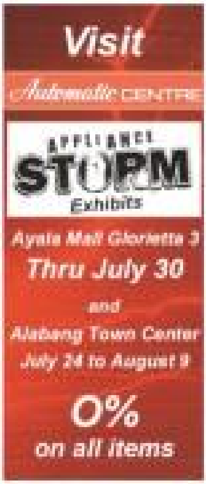


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